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## Help Ex-Soldiers To Help Themselves

### Col. Woods Appeals to Chambers of Commerce In All Large Cities

An appeal to chambers of commerce in various cities to help find employment for discharged soldiers, has been written and sent by Col. Arthur Woods, assistant to the Secretary of War. After pointing out that the men are entitled to every assistance, the appeal says:

"In some 2,000 cities of the country there exists bureaus for returning soldiers and sailors. These bureaus have been working in affiliation with the Employment Service of the Department of Labor, but they are operated and supported by private agencies, many of them local, the others such welfare societies as the Red Cross, the Jewish Welfare Board, National Catholic War Council, War Camp Community Service, Salvation Army, American Library Association, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and Chamber of Commerce. Although no set methods of procedure can be laid down, since the conditions in different localities vary, it is evident that the best results will be accomplished if all organizations and individuals working to help the soldiers are co-ordinated into one group. The bureau for returning soldiers and sailors is the established and natural unit for other organizations to work with and strengthen. It is hoped, therefore, that your chamber will co-operate with this bureau, either by lending it active support and by definitely taking the responsibility of finding for soldiers of your city their old jobs or better ones—or by forming a committee of the chamber which will provide the jobs for soldiers, whose names you can find at the bureau.

"Most of the soldiers who are discharged from the Army find employment for themselves, usually going back to their old jobs. It is therefore a minority that need help. The work is made more difficult than it would otherwise be by the human tendency of soldiers upon discharge to linger awhile in large cities, instead of going home to find employment at once. Many soldiers also feel that they are qualified to have better positions, and therefore earn better pay than they did before the war. In this they are right, for the war has made them better men. Unfortunately, this is a hard time in which to make the improvement which they are rightly ambitious to make,

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SAMUEL DANA.

—Photo by Lieut. Treichler.

In Ward 11 there is a full-blooded Indian, Samuel Dana, who won distinction long before he joined the United States Army. Dana was a famous football player at Carlisle and

played with Jim Thorpe in '11, '12 and '13. He was wounded in action while with the Yankee Division. In the picture he is shown learning telegraphy while he remains in bed recovering from his wounds.

### Railroad Spur Completed; Deliver Patients by Rail

The railroad spur, built from the Pennsylvania main line to the Hospital, has been completed and has been turned over to the Hospital. The benefits of the new line were shown during the last week when several carloads of material were delivered, thus making it unnecessary to use trucks and a large force of men.

Two carloads of patients were brought to the Hospital on the new spur. This method of transporting wounded men probably will be used extensively in the future.

The Construction Quarter Master Office has been complimented by the inspector from the Washington office for the manner in which an accounting was made for all material used in building the line. The report accounts for every board, nail, tool and cot used in the work.

#### JUMBO PENCILS.

Sergeant Bach, of the penmanship and bookkeeping department at the School, is in receipt of a box of extra size pencils sent by the Phillip Bernard Company, of Sioux City, Iowa, manufacturers of non-freezable stock watering systems. The large pencils are specially useful to men who are regaining the use of wounded arms.

### Men Are In Training For Work In Loan Campaign

Lieut. A. B. Conlin reports that there have been 56 volunteers to speak on the victory loan as a result of the recruiting at U. S. General Hospital No. 3. These men have already been interviewed by Mr. Rosenwald, of the Speakers' Bureau. They will have an opportunity to see some of the country and be of service to the Treasury Department during their period of convalescence.

All men who will be residents at the Hospital during April and can give their time to the Loan should see either Lieutenant Morgan, Officers' Ward, or Sergeant Bernard Welch, Ward 22.

Lieutenant Conlin is in charge of the recruiting at this Hospital.

#### LAUNDRY REDUCTION.

Hospital Sergeant Federman has announced, in notice dated March 28, that the price of doing laundry work for enlisted men has been reduced to \$1.00 per month.

Bruce McClain, of Montclair, has donated a Victrola to the Hospital. It was delivered here by Gilbert D. Maxwell, who hopes to arrange for other contributions of this kind.

## Good Positions For Safety Engineers

### Federal Board States That Partly Disabled Men Are Not Handicapped

Any man with one eye, one arm, fair hearing, or one leg off below the knee but capable of easy movement with artificial foot, should be able to qualify for the position of safety engineer or inspector, according to the federal board for vocational education, which is in charge of the vocational rehabilitation of disabled soldiers, sailors, and marines. The fact that a great part of the safety engineer's work is in the field and usually in locations where some degree of agility and ability to get about is required, would indicate that men with legs off above the knee would be unable to fill such positions. The one armed man would be less handicapped for this sort of work than a man with only one eye, or defective hearing, or the loss of one foot.

A course of training for safety engineer should be a minimum of six months, and those wishing to qualify for inspectors should be under training for not less than three months. The chances of employment after training are good, especially for well qualified safety engineers, and the salary of the safety inspector will range between \$1,200 and \$2,000 a year, and that of the safety engineer between \$1,800 and \$3,000 a year.

The opportunities for the work are numerous, such officers being employed by insurance companies, by some of the large industrial concerns, as well as by the interstate commerce commission, the inspection service of the various States, and in some cases municipalities offer good positions of this sort. Positions under the interstate commerce commission are subject to civil service examination, and those under the various states to state examination, but those with private companies are subject only to such requirements as are established by the company.

#### SERGEANT ALTMAN'S WORK.

Sergeant First Class George J. Altmann, of the Physical Therapy Department of this Hospital, is responsible for two unit courses in Physical Education now being distributed to the various Reconstruction hospitals.

The first course contains a series of exercises of Orthopedic cases; the second a series for Cardiovascular cases. These pamphlets are published by the American Red Cross and issued by the Federal Board for Vocational Education, in co-operation with the Surgeon General's office.



## Hospital Trains Traveling Across Country With Men

Bound through to Camp Kearney, Cal., a United States Army hospital train pulled out of the Grand Central Station with 137 wounded aboard, a chef teaching odors how to be appetizing out in the dining car and talking machines playing jazz in every one of the eight Pullmans.

It was only recently that the Army Hospital Service organized its traveling hospitals to carry wounded soldiers back from the port of debarkation to their home sections of the country, but already these hospitals on wheels slipping unheralded in and out of New York have carried many thousands of wounded back to a place where mother, wife or sweetheart can run in now and then on visiting day and let a fellow look at her.

More than 5,000 wounded were carried out of New York for various parts of the South, Middle West, and Far West on these trains last week. So well has the service been organized now that four and five hospital trains a day speed North, West and South from New York with their freightage of wounded.

The cars are remodelled parlor cars, equipped with noise-deadening devices and capable of holding twenty beds. Each is in charge of a surgeon and three attendants. The conditions which obtained only a few months ago when wounded travelled west in ordinary Pullman or tourist sleeper cars, and oftentimes litter cases had to be shifted in and out of car windows, have been done away with.

This is not a Red Cross Service but a branch of the army medical corps. It is government work and is said to be done better than that of any country.

Although the train will stop here and there at big cities across the country in order to break the journey for the wounded and at these stops Red Cross women workers will distribute candy and other comforts, yet the men will in nowise be dependent on such ministrations for food. Part of the nine car hospital train is the diner, in charge of an experienced chef, and the men are assured of real food.

### AT MONTCLAIR.

A display of work done by wounded men attracted great attention when it was shown in Red Cross headquarters at Montclair, N. J. It was directed by G. D. Maxwell, of Montclair, and was exhibited by the Military Relief Committee. It showed a small part of the work being done in the Occupational Therapy department by patients at this Hospital and also how waste material, such as cocoa cans, shaving stick or soap cans, perfumery bottles, spools, old snap buckles and the like, are converted into useful articles.

### THE ASSISTANT K. O.

Captain Robert R. Sellers (secretly known as "Fighting Bob") has plenty to do since he assumed his role of Assistant Commanding Officer. At almost any hour of the day or night he may be seen all over the place. The question that some of the men are asking is, When does Captain Sellers sleep?



A FEW OF OUR NURSES

—Photo by Pvt. Address, Ward 10.

When this picture was taken, all the subjects were on night duty. Since that time a number have seen the light of day and are now doing regular hours. In the group are the

Misses Stinson, Dunheiser, Cartwright, Weaver, Headen, Adams, Rathburn, Finnegan, Staples, Morris, La Plante (Night Superintendent), Burton, Hiller, Mulholland, Childs, Hand, Ball and Mrs. Whittemeyer.

### PLAINFIELD REPEATS ITS TRIUMPH.

The name of Plainfield has for quite a while been to the boys of Colonia Hospital a synonym for good times and great hospitality, and on Wednesday, the 25th, the "good" became the "best." The Jewish Welfare Board of Colonia opened its cornucopia and from its stock of pleasant surprises chose a dinner-dance to which it transported sixty men whose complaint after the affair was that there was only twenty-four hours in a day, anyway. From six o'clock until twelve the resourcefulness and imagination of the Plainfield ladies provided something for every minute of the time, so that the "retreat waltz" came as unexpectedly as did the armistice. It is hoped that when the fellows place an application for the next affair at Plainfield, they will use due caution, or somebody will certainly get killed in the rush.

### LUNCHEON.

Major and Mrs. Albee entertained at luncheon on Tuesday of last week the famous actress, Amelia Bingham, and the ex-President of the Federated Women's Clubs of New York State, Mrs. John Francis Yawger, and Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Carson and Miss Ballard, of New York City, and Lieutenant Weigel. After luncheon, the party spent the afternoon at the hospital and Miss Bingham promised the boys that she would return in the near future and entertain them.

## Roller Skating at K. of C. Makes Big Hit at the Post

When Secretary Ungerer ordered 200 pairs of roller skates for use in the new K. C. house, he surely started something. They were put out for use for the first time on Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning the men were pounding on the Secretary's door shortly after reveille and demanding that the skates be given out at once before the day was half over. Since then he has decided to get someone to take charge of the skates and also appoint certain hours for the skating to be done.

The skates are of a standard make with ball bearings, hard fiber wheels, rubber cushions and rocking carriages.

### "IT WAS A FAMOUS VICTORY."

(1944)

It was a summer evening;

Old Kaspar was at home,  
Sitting before his cottage door—

Like in the Southey pome—  
And near him, with a magazine,  
Idled his grandchild, Geraldine.

"Why don't you ask me," Kaspar said

To the child upon the floor,  
"Why don't you ask me what I did  
When I was in the war?  
They told me that each little kid  
Would surely ask me what I did.

"I've had my story ready  
For thirty years or more."  
"Don't bother, Grandpa," said the child;  
"I find such things a bore.  
Pray leave me to my magazine,"  
Asserted little Geraldine.

Then entered little Peterkin,  
To whom his gaffer said:  
"You'd like to hear about the war?  
How I was left for dead?"  
"No. And, besides," declared the youth,  
"How do I know you speak the truth?"

Arose that wan, embittered man,  
The hero of this pome,  
And walked, with not unsprightly step,  
Down to the Soldiers' Home,  
Where he, with seven other men,  
Sat swapping lies till half-past ten.  
—Franklin P. Adams.

### WELCOME TO LESTER.

Pat S. Lester, a patient at this Hospital, was the bright star as well as the guest of honor at a home-coming party given Saturday night at Long Island City. The Two Dukes' Association held a special party in his honor and all the standard bearers and trustees of the Association attended. The party took the nature of a cabaret and ball. A large crowd attended.

Between the dance numbers, Lester entertained with a few of his songs, delivered in characteristic style. He received enough applause to gladden the heart of a mat'nee idol.

Private Cockley, of Ward 12, was knocked down by an automobile last week and suffered a broken ankle.

### PROMOTIONS

The following promotions in the Reconstruction Division, Medical Department, this hospital, are announced, per warrants S. G. O., March 8, 1919. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

To be Sergeants First Class, Medical Department: Sergeant Lawrence Beardsley, Sergeant Louis E. Dieruff, Sergeant Simeon E. Dolle.

To be Sergeants, Medical Department: Corporal John J. Devine, Corporal Francis Finkelhor, Corporal Charles F. Holmes, Corporal William A. Leopard, Corporal Glenn B. Snapp, Corporal Roy L. Sutman, Corporal Paul A. Tischler.

To be Corporals, Medical Department: Private Harry C. Critchlow, Private William B. Cunningham, Private Charles Edwards, Private Walter W. Kennedy, Private First Class Hamilton McGuinness, Private John A. Schillinger, Private First Class Edward W. Schneider, Private Herman Schwartzan, Private Edwin L. Smith, Private Helmuth C. J. Werner, Private Thomas H. Williams.

By order of LT. COL. UPSHUR.

Richard J. Walsh,  
2nd Lieut. S. C.,  
Adjutant.

Daly: My father is a doctor; I can be sick for nothing.

Beckmeyer: Burgener's father is a minister, that's why he is "good" for nothing.



## The Port of Missing Men

Private John J. Carter, Co. L, 48th Inf., 14th Division. Last heard from in August, 1918. Mail is returned marked "wounded" but no notification from War Department. Inquiry from sister, Mrs. D. S. Griffin, 61 Palmer avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

Private Bennie Bronstein, Co. E, 308th Inf., 77th Division. Sailed from Upton April 5, 1918. Reported slightly wounded in August. No word at all. Inquiry from M. Bronstein, 355 East Tenth street, New York.

Corporal Howard S. Dorsey, 5th Regiment U. S. Marine, 51st Co., 2nd Bat. Reported missing on October 4, 1918. Inform Mrs. Emma Dorsey, 4246 Wyalusing Ave., West Philadelphia, Pa.

Private Floyd Becker, 17th Co., 5th Regiment, 1st Battalion, 2nd Division, M. C. Wounded in action July 19. Have advice from comrade that he was returned to duty and was again wounded on September 14. Inquiry from Mrs. D. F. Nichols, 282 East Commerce street, Bridgeton, N. J.

### LAUNDRY PROFITS.

Some wash was turned out by army laundries in January according to figures obtained from the office of the Director of Purchase and Storage. Twenty-two army laundries, owned and operated by the government at the various camps, cantonments, posts and stations in the United States laundered 9,977,444 pieces of clothing in that month. The gross receipts from these operations were \$543,910 and the net profit, after deducting the cost of operation, amounted to \$248,479. The laundries are operated by the Laundry Branch of the Salvage Division.

### HOSPITAL ORDERS.

Captain Page P. A. Chesser, D. C., having reported at this station, will report to the Chief of the Surgical Service for duty, as Officer in Charge of the Dental Department, relieving First Lieutenant Colburn H. H. Brevig, D. C., who is assigned to duty in that department.

First Lieutenant George W. Finke, M. C., having reported at this station, will report to the Chief of the Surgical Service for duty.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles L. Gandy, M. C., is appointed Acting Chief of the Surgical Service during the absence of Major Fred H. Albee, M. C.

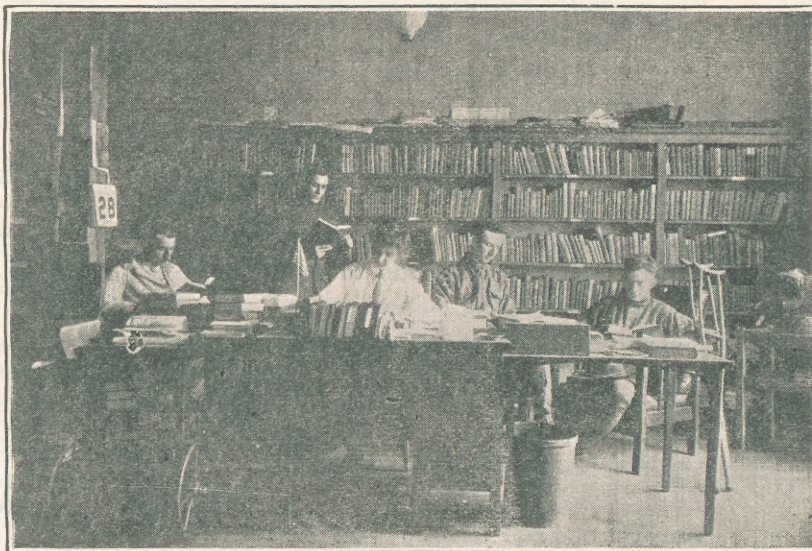
### Well! IT'S SPRINGTIME.

The arrival of a new touring car is the one event for which Secretary Ungerer, of the K. C.'s, is waiting. He says he is going to have a few hours recreation, from now on, and he plans to take it on moonlight evenings. He hasn't decided on the man who will occupy the rear seat, but he does know who will sit beside the driver. Are red-lined capes visible in the moonlight?

Louis Karstendiek, who looks after the Diagnosis reports, went to the phone one day last week.

"Hello, have you all the reports on 'dying noses?'"

"No, this is an amputation hospital."



SCENE IN THE LIBRARY OF RED CROSS HOUSE

### SCHOOL NOTES.

Lieutenant Stewart has been ordered to temporary duty at General Hospital No. 10, Boston, for the purpose of directing the organizing of the work of the curative shops. He will be absent from this post for one week.

Mrs. Jones, supervisor of Occupational aides, has returned to Washington this week. She was in charge of the organization of the exhibit of the work of the Educational service in all reconstruction hospitals and is now returning for similar service in the preparation of material for the international exhibit to be held in Rome, Italy.

The work in sign painting has taken on new life through the employment of J. H. Blaughter as instructor. He will be remembered by members of the hospital as a former patient here who was discharged from the service about six weeks ago. He is a very skillful workman, having been employed by some of the best commercial sign companies. This work is not difficult to learn and furnishes occupation at high wages.

Private Grogan, Ward 21, who before entering the army was a successful landscape gardener, has drawn a plan for beautifying the open space in front of headquarters. This plan has been approved by the Commanding Officer and will be carried out by the agricultural department of the school.

There is also developing a general plan for treatment of the open spaces about the wards. In preparation for this a large number of plants are to be started in boxes in the different wards to be cared for by the patients. This will offer interesting occupation which will later add much to the attractiveness of the hospital as a whole.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

#### Sunday

6:15 a. m. Mass for Catholics  
Chaplain Reilly

8:30 a. m. Mass for Catholics  
Chaplain Reilly

10:30 a. m. Protestant Services  
Chaplain Leach

All above services are held in  
Physico Therapy Gymnasium

7:30 p. m. Evening Service in Y. M. C. A.

#### Friday

6:30 p. m. Jewish Services in  
K. of C. Building

## Help Ex-Soldiers

### To Help Themselves

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for industry is in a period of transition and jobs are hard to find. The soldier should be urged to go back to his home town and, unless a better position can be obtained for him, take his old job, not because that is the best he is fitted for, but because, owing to the industrial situation, it is an unfavorable time for him to seek a different position. He should certainly not give up his aim to get the better job, but he should work for it from his old position, and not from a state of unemployment.

"Some men are probably stranded in places away from their home and have not enough money to take them back. In such cases it is hoped that you will be able to arrange for financing their return, probably by means of communicating with the chamber of commerce in their home town and having them provide the necessary amount to supplement what the soldier has and carry him home, such amount to be loaned and returned by the soldier when he is able to do so."

### RED CROSS.

The Lambs and the Union Club, of New York City, have resumed their weekly parties for the wounded men.

Twenty men went to the Hippodrome Thursday afternoon and enjoyed the big performance.

Mrs. Russell, of 74th street, New York city, is entertaining 10 amputation cases every Wednesday. The usual program is a matinee followed by a beefsteak dinner at the Russell home. It is always a good party.

On Monday, Mrs. Kuebler, president of the Silver Lake Welfare Association, entertained 20 men at a box party to see Ethel Barrymore in the "Off Chance" at Newark.

Recently this paper announced that a certain party was to be held, when the item should have read "was held." The way the boys trooped into Mr. Culin's office to have their names put on the list proves that it pays to advertise in OVER HERE.

In order to avoid overcrowding the Red Cross house on entertainment nights, a new ruling has been issued whereby men from odd numbered wards will be admitted on odd nights; those from even numbered wards, on even nights. They will be admitted only when displaying a special button issued by each ward. The odd wards will wear yellow buttons; the even wards, blue buttons. Officers, officer patients, nurses and aides are not subject to this ruling.

### NEXT!

In Mr. Culin's office in the Red Cross house is a small tray containing two nickels and seven pennies, donated by patients for the purpose of getting a hair cut for the man who arranges the entertainment. Mr. Culin admits that a landscaper could do some good shrub trimming on his head. He's too busy, however, to spare the time. The boys are hoping the fund will be completed quickly before the barbers have time to advance the price again and postpone the event.

P. S.—Just before going to press we learn that a jitney has disappeared from the tray!

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## ADDING TO THEIR WEALTH.

It was to be expected that the United States soldiers would return from over seas with an added wealth of experience and such knowledge as comes from travel and observation. To these, however, many of them will add the learning which comes from books, for 50,000 American troopers have entered the army schools established at the posts in France. The educational system provided is remarkably elaborate, and will be more permanent than might have seemed possible, for the schools will move with the divisions, accompanying them even to the demobilizing camps in the United States. Moreover, courses have been arranged in French, Scottish, and English universities, and the students who take them may, if they desire, remain after the American forces have returned home. All nations have endeavored to care for their soldiers' physical requirements, but this attention to their intellectual and moral needs marks a distinct step forward.

## "THE BRAVEST ARE TENDEREST."

What manner of men came back to New York on the Leviathan and the Mauretania? Not boastful, braggart men, telling tales of their own prowess. Those who told us that our boys would come back brutalized by their work of war forget that "the bravest are the tenderest."

"Not in all the journey," wrote a correspondent who made the trip with the men of the 27th Division on the Leviathan, "did I hear one of them say that he had killed a German. They had other things to talk about."

It may puzzle the folks at home to know just how their boys are changed, but changed they are assuredly. They do not talk about their idealism; few American boys are so constituted; but the idealism is there. Only to an occasional man is given the gift of expressing what remains unuttered in most hearts. One of these living voices is Coningsby Dawson, of the Canadian Army and author of

"Carry On." Writing in McClure's Magazine of the returning soldier and the thoughts and ideals he is bringing back, Lieutenant Dawson says:

"Presenting we shall take off our khaki, but we shall not cease to be soldiers. We shall not be soldiers in the sense that you dread—swaggerers, people banded against the civilian by the pride of military caste. You see, we never wanted to be soldiers—the thought filled us with horror. It was your need, the heroic fact that some one had to die in your defence, that made us fighting men. Nevertheless, though we don civilian dress, we have not done with fighting yet. We are coming back to man the trenches of a kinder social order and to follow the barrage across No Man's Land in pursuit of a new heaven and a new earth. Our souls will still be clad in khaki; we shall be a brotherhood for righteousness."

More briefly, that is the testimony of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., himself of the 27th Division, who predicted that every man who went through the war would be so uplifted that the whole nation would feel their upward urge.

## ON LIVING AND DYING.

Only those are fit to live who do not fear to die, and none are fit to die who have shrunk from the joy of life and the duty of life. Both life and death are parts of the same Great Adventures. Never yet was worthy adventure worthily carried through by the man who put his personal safety first. Never yet was a country worth living in unless its sons and daughters were of that stern stuff which bade them die for it at need; and never yet was a country worth dying for unless its sons and daughters thought of life not as something concerned only with the selfish evanescence of the individual but as a link in the great chain of creation and causation. . . . Therefore, it is that the man and woman who in peace time fear or ignore the primary and vital duties and the high happiness of family life, who dare not beget and bear and rear the life that is to last when they are in their graves, have broken the chain of creation and have shown that they are unfit for companionship with the souls ready for the Great Adventure.—Theodore Roosevelt.

## MORBID MORTALS.

There are men whose presence causes your whole nature to rebel. They are the morbid, mangy, mortals who make the atmosphere heavy and depressing. Keep clear of these creatures lest you become tainted with the poison of their withered souls. Always associate with staunch, robust optimists. It will rest and restore you. Gloomy, murky pessimists will make you lose your points of compass. They chloroform your activities and eventually kill all possibilities of success.

## COLONIA CANTICLES

### HIS KIT BAG.

You've packed up your troubles in your old kit bag,

And most of your treasures, too,  
So pull 'em out and count 'em up,  
And just let's look 'em through.

Here's a small French coin and a couple of flags,  
A deck o' cards and a package o' fags;  
A bit o' shrapnel, cut from your shin,  
That at Chateau-Thierry went thumping in.  
A Croix de Guerre, if you're lucky, perhaps,  
And a pair o' German shoulder straps.  
Two letters from Mother and one from sis,  
With a dozen or more that end like this:

x x x x x x x x x x  
So put back your treasures with a kiss, kiss, kiss.  
"JAY."

In case of doubt as to whether a man belongs to the Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry or some other branch, it is always best to ask, "What's your outfit?"

It is small wonder that the Kaiser had no chance. Our one-legged patients play football on crutches and take up dancing the very day they get their new legs.

The Ways and Means Committee in Washington has an idle life compared with the activities of the Medical Corps man seeking his release.

The year 1919 promises to be known as the year of Peace and Prohibition—with the latter a certainty.

A number of our aviators are returning with their French wives. A case of war birds and war brides.

Not until the arrival of the Spring season, did we appreciate the worth of our Army overcoats.

One time the soldier feels good is when he meets a civilian who is wearing a pink shirt.

In the Army, setting the clock ahead simply makes the Bugler hated an hour earlier.

Anyhow, the wearers of the white chevron may reply that they saw America first.

The armistice threatens to take rank with the Kaiser when it comes to starting wars.

The overseas helmet, if not too badly punctured, makes a good soup dish.

To the Doughboy, the Navy always looks like smooth sailing.

It's a poor comedian who can't get a laugh on April 1st.





It's a Great Life—If You Don't Weaken

#### K. OF C.

The new house is being rushed to completion. While no date can be set, it seems certain that the opening may be held within a couple of weeks.

Secretary Ungerer plans to have everything for the benefit of athletes at the new house. He will have flying rings installed and the auditorium will be equipped for basketball, indoor tennis and indoor baseball.

A number of Detachment men who have seen Secretary Ungerer's fine handwriting have asked him to give instructions in penmanship. The Secretary is arranging to have evening classes and to supply all the equipment necessary.

Since roller skating has been started at the K. of C. house, the place has been more popular than ever. The floor of the new house was completed Saturday noon and by 2 o'clock a number of men were trying out the new skates which the Secretary had provided. Sunday afternoon a number of officers indulged in the sport and became enthusiastic. The most ardent ones up-to-date are Captains Warner, Rose and Wilmot and Lieutenants Brevig, Hart and McNamara.

Even the visitors become afflicted with a desire to roller skate when they see the new floor. A bevy of fair visitors from Philadelphia tried the new skates Sunday afternoon and had a fine time.

The K. of C. house has just received a shipment of equipment for playing baseball. It will be ready for distribution within a short time.

#### LEARN CRAFT WORK.

A new department has recently been opened in the applied arts section of the hospital school with Lieutenant C. W. Wirths in charge. The lieutenant is a patient here and is anxious to get a number of men interested in the making of craft work such as jewelry, ash trays, book ends, picture frames and many other hammered copper and brass novelties.

All of the men who have been employed by Lieutenant Wirths in his shop (The Craftsman Studios, Brooklyn) started in with practically no experience in craft work of any kind and he is confident that any patients who want to take up this work will find it most interesting and instructive from the very beginning, even though they have never handled tools to any extent.

We would be glad to show the work which has already been done in this department and hope the men will take advantage of an opportunity to make some really interesting things.

## The Care Of The Stump

The following information on artificial limbs and the care of the stump is published by the office of the Surgeon General of the Army. It forms a manual for the amputated which should be of great value to the large number of amputation cases being treated here.

#### Care of the Stump.

A special course of treatment is given the stump after the wound has healed in order to prepare it properly for the wearing of an artificial limb. Moreover, careful attention is also required, even after the limb has been fitted satisfactorily, to prevent the stump from getting sore. A regular plan should be followed each evening:

**Daily Measures.**—(1) Examine the entire stump carefully when the limb is removed, paying particular attention to red or sore spots.

(2) Wash the stump well and then: (a) If the skin is in good condition, simply dry it carefully and powder it with any good talcum powder. (b) If cold and blue, put it first in a bucket of as hot water as can be borne until it is well heated, then plunge it for a moment in cold water, and finally thoroughly rub and knead the flesh all over it. (c) If flabby and relaxed, proceed as in "b," except that the stump is plunged first in the hot and then in the cold, and the process repeated as rapidly as possible for five or ten minutes.

(3) Red or sore spots are due to pressure or rubbing. Examine the socket carefully to find out and correct the cause; the lacing may need adjustment or an extra sock may be required. A little Zinc Oxide ointment should be applied to the spot itself, and it must be relieved from irritation before the limb is worn again. To do this apply a thin layer of properly shaped felt to the stump just above or just below the sore spot, holding it in place by means of a piece of adhesive plaster.

**Bandaging.**—An important measure in the early care of the stump is bandaging. The length of time this should be continued varies in different cases, but in general it is advisable as long as there is any evidence of swelling. Occasionally there is a tendency for swelling to reappear at intervals, and then of course the bandaging must be resumed.

Some form of elastic bandage is required, and each one should learn how to apply it to his own stump smoothly and under just the right amount of tension.

When it is desired to reduce the size of the stump, apply the bandage firmly, reapply it several times a day as it becomes loose, and wear it constantly.

When beginning to use an artificial limb, the stump should be bandaged all the time the appliance is not worn, both day and night.

**Stump Socks.**—One, or preferably two, well fitting stump socks should be worn, and care should be taken in putting them on to avoid wrinkles. They should be washed frequently. In warm weather, or when the stump perspires freely, fresh stump socks should be put on each morning. Socks may be washed when removed in the evening, dried during the night and kneaded well in the morning to

soften them before use.

#### Treatment of Minor Affections.

All affections of the stump, even those of apparently trifling nature, should receive immediate and careful attention. The simpler conditions mentioned below, you may safely treat as indicated, but for anything else your physician should be consulted. Neglect of ordinary precaution may result in your being obliged to go without your artificial limb for a long time.

**Abrasions.**—These are raw spots or places where the skin has been rubbed off or broken. They are troublesome because of the constant rubbing when the leg is worn and also dangerous on account of the possibility of poisoning. Hence, they should always be attended to as follows:

(a) Make a small brush by rolling a bit of absorbent cotton on a toothpick or match, dip it in tincture of iodine (half strength), and paint the abrasion with one good coat.

(b) Cover it with a piece of Z. O. adhesive plaster. This should be passed quickly through a flame several times.

(c) In the case of large abrasions the artificial limb should be laid aside for a few days.

(d) Consult the doctor at once if the abrasion becomes inflamed.

**Boils and Pimples.**—Pimples, if small, may be treated in the same way as abrasions. For large pimples and boils the doctor should be consulted.

**Eczema.**—Sometimes the skin becomes chronically irritated and inflamed. This is usually due to lack of proper attention and can generally be avoided by following the directions which have been given. If the condition is mild, proceed as follows:

(a) Use very little water and no soap; (b) put on fresh stump socks each morning; (c) grease the skin well with zinc oxide ointment; (d) lay aside the artificial limb for a few days; (e) if the condition does not improve or becomes worse, see the doctor at once.

**Tender Skin.**—In some cases the skin is unusually tender and becomes sore when the artificial limb is worn for only a short time. Patience is required until the skin can be hardened. The following plan is recommended:

(a) Use the contrast baths already mentioned (Daily Measures, "c").

(b) Rub the stump well with alcohol in which a few grains of alum have been dissolved.

(c) Rub the skin well with lanolin before putting on the stump socks.

**Sweaty Stumps.**—If the stump perspires too freely, the skin is likely to become macerated and be injured by the rubbing of the socket. This is to be corrected as follows:

(a) Wash the stump as directed under daily measures.

(b) Carefully paint the whole area, by means of a cotton swab, with the following solution:

Commercial formalin (40% sol. of formaldehyde) ..... 10 parts  
Water ..... 90 parts

Allow this to dry on. If the stump begins to burn, too much has been

## New Chapel For The Post To be Ready for Easter

A permanent chapel is to be provided for the Post and will be situated in the rear of Wards 5 and 6 and will be connected with the long corridor leading to Nurses' Quarters. This will make it possible for wheel chair patients to have easy access to religious services.

The new chapel is made possible through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, acting through the local secretary, Joseph Ungerer. Now that the new K. C. building is nearing completion, it has been decided that the old building could easily be converted into a chapel.

The building will be removed to its new location as soon as possible and will be remodelled and repainted until it conforms with the other Hospital buildings. It is hoped to have it ready for occupancy by Easter.

The Commanding Officer has approved of the use of the building for a chapel and has decided upon its location.

#### AFTER THE PARADE.

One of the interesting pastimes recently has been that of scanning the New York papers for pictures of men from G. H. No. 3 who saw the parade and were selected as good subjects by the newspaper photographers. Chaplain Reilly, who is the Officer Advisor of this newspaper (and who forbids the Editor ever to print his name) scored in the World and the Sunday Times. Therefore, OVER HERE has concluded to violate the Advisor's rule and make mention of it. Major Altman likewise presented a good countenance in the World and Times while Knox, Wingate, McAlomus and other patients did well in other papers. We have promised not to mention the name of one of our fair workers who was caught by the camera man. There is no harm, however, in stating that her initials are Mrs. McCauley.

Mr. Culin, who is the D. W. Griffith of the Red Cross, rode in the parade and his auto went so fast that the camera men had no chance to get him.

#### MERCY HOUSE.

Business has been heavier than ever at Mercy House lately. Even the last few days before pay day seemed to have no effect and large crowds have taken meals at the canteen three times daily. The enlarged kitchen and the enthusiasm of the volunteer workers make it possible to give good service at all times.

used (for that particular person), and the excess should be washed off; keep the solution out of abrasions and fissures or much pain will be caused. Applications should be made as a rule, every other day; a half dozen usually suffice to produce a cure, the skin becoming hardened and the secretion altered.

A 25% solution of aluminum chlorid in distilled water, applied in a similar manner, is quite efficient. Three applications are usually sufficient. If the condition recurs the treatment may be repeated.

(c) Put on fresh stump socks each morning.



## CURRENT QUOTATIONS

"Yeh, Buddy, you gotta treat 'em rough these days if you want 'em to love you tender. When I was in Wee Wee land I give the winky eye to a bundle of dimity and says, 'what's your name?' and she says, 'Taisey Vous,' and I says, 'that's good with me,' and

when she says, 'who do you love?' I says 'Taisey Vous,' and after that I never seen her again. Here's a picture of one that fell for me terrible and I had only one meal at her house and along comes this Marine from Ward 14 and tells her that they'd better count the knives and forks before I left the house. And here's one that's so good looking that every time she goes shopping why Klaw & Cohen wire her does she want Mary Pickford's job, answer collect. Only I got kinda tired hearing her rave all the time about a Russian named Tolstoy and how well he can write and I says, 'Yes, then why don't he write a letter to the Chief of Police of Russia if he's such a great guy?' and furthermore I says you gotta quit writing to him or I, and that's when we busted up. But here's the real number on the program.

She lives back in Homeville and she sure loves me devoted. She may not be any Maxim Elliott for looks but she sure does cook frequent. Yea, Boy, you tell 'em! I gotta mouthful of teeth!"

## WHO'S THE BEAUTIFUL SON?

Miss Cope, of Ward 25, was telling about some shots heard near Nurses Quarters at 4 in the morning. She ran from her bed to the porch, she said, and all she saw there was the beautiful sun!

## SGT. SNOWDEN DISCHARGED.

Sergeant First Class William B. Snowden, Q. M. C., has received an honorable discharge and has returned to his home in Jersey City. He will return to the company with which he was formerly associated, the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, and will be assistant manager of the New York State and New Jersey territories.

Sergeant Snowden arrived at this Post last April with the first 20 men to reach here. He has been property sergeant here. He has made many friends among the Detachment and patients and his departure will be regretted by those who have had the opportunity of meeting him.

## STRINGING HIM.

Temperamental William Hirscher was practicing diligently on Tischler's mandolin. Finally he got on Rogge's nerves.

"Bill," said Rogge, "you can't win that Aide with a mandolin."

"I guess you're right," said Bill. "It's too sentimental to serenade under a girl's window. She'd only think I was a nut."

## WARD ROOMERS.

Private Nathan Schecter, Ward 30, has decided to go on the stage. His friends say he wants to get even with a lot of people.

Sweeney, of Ward 22, went to Philadelphia last week. The report is that he visited the Alms House and that his case was pronounced hopeless.

Todd, of Ward 7, was preparing last Friday for his operation on Saturday. He asked Nervine, of Ward 8; Mooney, of 25, and Davies, of 30, to sing something appropriate early Saturday morning. They responded by singing, "His Wild Days Are Over For a While."

Hugh Freeman, of Ward 26, was stuck for dinner for five at Mercy House. When it came time to order he said, "Bring us one bowl of soup and five straws."

Schmidt, of Ward 27, late of the Yankee Division, was at a wonderful party in a famous New Jersey suburb. A strange girl was talking with him and pleasing him immensely; the mere fact that she was reputed to be worth \$30,000,000 was unknown to him. When it came time to depart, Schmitty shook her hand and said, "You're the kind of people I likes to bum around with."

Ward 30 is very much entertained these days by a sterling quartet consisting of Collingsworth, Lehr, Lawson and Kuntzman. They promise to render a few new numbers in the near future.

The MacMillan Company has published a new book entitled "The Ward Master's Pet, or How I Fool Them Into Feeding Me in Bed." This is written and edited by Wegeman, of Ward 4.

## NATIONAL SERVICE CANTEEN.

Miss Evangeline Clark, of Orange, achieved a big success Monday night, when she gave several original dances at the National Service Canteen. Although still in her 'teens, Miss Clark showed a wide knowledge of the dancing art and also unusual gracefulness and ability. The soldiers at the canteen were very enthusiastic over the performance.

## BARRACK BUNK.

The delegation from Pennsylvania at this hospital working in the wards have organized a society to be known as "The Reading Chambermaids."

Gerber, of Barrack 4, visited Reading a short time ago and when asked whether he knew Steen replied, "No, he hasn't met me."

The occupants of Barrack 1 are eager to know just who told Evans he could sing.

The first day of Spring, March 21st, was marked by a very striking and melodious outburst of Harmony by some occupants of Bunk House 2. Several good numbers were presented.

Should anyone ever feel real blue or lonesome the Ambulance Garage harbors a very nice sociable group of young men. They really do not care who they beat up and throw out the window.

Private Scheurer has been placed on the inactive list of musicians at this hospital. The chief reason for this being that the supply of chairs in and about Barrack 4 is very much limited, and a good chair is very much of an asset to his work as a drummer.

We wonder whether Olsen, of Barrack 4, got his long looked for "leeceft."

"Corpuscle" Bernstein has written a new book entitled, "Wild Nights With Bella Donna or How Do I Do It On 36 Per Month."

It is rumored that Sergeant Bode, of the Canteen, sold a patient with both hands amputated a pair of boxing gloves. How do you account for it, John?

The hall of Barrack 4 has a few new occupants now that the Bunk Houses have been flooded. The Orthopedic Department gets lots of Barrack advertisement now.

Jerry, the Y. M. orderly from Reading, had been very inattentive at one of Rev. Clark's Sunday sermons. Cameron met Jerry and piped:

"Why do you attend service so inattentively? That is sacrilegious, yes, sacrilegious."

Jerry stared a minute and then said, "No, that was Mr. Clark."

Fair Visitor: Oh Sergeant, haven't you a strong man out here; I think he was once a Furrier. His name is Maxey Muff.

Sergeant Davidson: Oh, yes, you mean Maximoff. He gets up every morning, opens the window and throws out his chest.

Daly, of the Deutal Clinic, ambled into a swell grill room in Newark; we think it was Child's. After seating himself in a chair, he called for some dinner. "Table d'hote or a la carte," returned the waiter. "Nix on that stuff waiter," the molar artist answered, "I want dinner."

Tyrholm: Barkdull doesn't eat a thing, does he?

Tabler: No, he eats everything.

Wilcox had been reposing in a corner on the parlor lounge straining his Cluett, Peabody tenor and trying to strike some harmonious chords on "Eucalyptus." The fair one finally ventured, "Really, Mr. Wilcox, your voice isn't as bad as you think it is."

"Oh, isn't it?" he reiterated, rather pleased.

"No, it's worse."

Sergeant McAuliffe took Slim Brittain to a 96th Street "Coming out" party. You should have seen them come out.

## LOSSES DURING THE MONTH.

Sergeant Snowden.  
Sergeant Rose.  
Fair Weather.  
Two hours on pay day.  
Hope of wearing long pants.  
February pay.  
The Winter Sweetheart.  
The Bugler Song (we hope).  
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## "Too Late For Last Week."

Patients of Ward 14 are being "Mishughesed" this week.

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